# **Liturgical Vestments: Glossary Vesture the ministers wear**

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| **VESTMENT** | **DESCRIPTION** |
| Alb | The white garment covering one's street dress for participation in the liturgy. |
| Chasuble | The vestment worn over the alb by priests, bishops and Pope when celebrating the Mass. |
| Cassock | A non-liturgical, full-length, close-fitting robe for use by priests and other clerics under liturgical vestments; usually black for priests, purple for bishops and other prelates, red for cardinals, white for the Pope. |
| Stole | The vestment worn around the neck by all ordained ministers. For priests, bishops and Pope, it hangs down in front (under the chasuble); the deacons wear it over their left shoulder crossed and fastened at the right side. |
| Mitre | A headdress worn at some liturgical functions by bishops, abbots and, in certain cases, other ecclesiastics. Crosier (pastoral staff): The staff which a bishop carries when he presides at the liturgy. |
| Cincture | A rope-like or ribbon-like article sometimes worn with priests’ vestments, encircling he body around or above the waist. A bishop’s cincture is made of intertwining gold and green threads, a cardinal’s has red and gold and the pope’s has white and gold. |
| Crosier | This is a crook/staff symbolizing his role as a shepherd. |

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